SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV : No woman constable has been appointed. What are the reasons for it?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The note says that they do not answer to the physical requirements prescribed.

SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV : Is the Hon. Minister aware, Sir, that women of the height prescribed are not available in the State? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : But we have to prescribe the conditions not according to availability but according to requirements.

Secretariat

* 177 *Q.*—SRI L. S. KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of temporary candidates (i) men and (ii) women working in the Secretariat as on 1st June 1962; and

(*b*) the reasons for not appointing candidates selected by the Madras Public Service Commission in these vacancies?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) The number of temporary candidates working in the Secretariat as on 1st June 1962 is (i) Men 110 and (ii) Women 67.

(*b*) The temporary candidates could not be replaced due to the non-availability of candidates selected by the Madras Public Service Commission.

SRI L. S. KARAYALAR : How are these temporary candidates recruited? Is it through the Employment Exchange or through any other recognised method?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I suppose the heads of departments do it.

* 178 *Q.*—SRI L. S. KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

3-10 p.m. (*a*) the area occupied by the Secretariat buildings; and

(*b*) the number of persons employed in these buildings?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) The total ground area occupied by Secretariat Buildings is 174,200 sq. feet or 4 acres.

(*b*) The number of persons employed in these buildings is 2,490.

SRI L. S. KARAYALAR : Since there are a large number of people in this small area, will the Government consider enlarging the Secretariat or at least take away the Assembly and Council halls to the parade ground behind?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, discussions with the Defence Ministry of the Government of India are in progress in respect of taking over some land which is behind the Secretariat buildings. We have more or less come to some arrangement by which the Defence Ministry have agreed to give us, among other things, some land in the *Fort. St. George* itself. As soon as this is finalized steps would be taken to increase the accommodation.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is there any proposal to construct a new hall for the Legislative Council?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is too early to say. But we are getting 2½ acres of land within the Fort itself.

* 179 to 183 *Q.*—MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Nos. 179 to 183 are postponed as the Hon. Minister concerned is not here.

Bus and lorry transport

* 184 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to nationalize the bus and lorry transport in the State ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (i) *Bus transport.*—

There is no change in the Government's policy of progressive nationalization of road transport. Specific decisions will be taken by Government from time to time.

(ii) *Lorry transport.*—There is at present no proposal for nationalization of lorry transport.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : In view of the decision of the Government not to nationalize bus and lorry transport, is there any proposal to fix a ceiling for the number of buses to be owned by any individual or company?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, Sir. We do not propose to fix any such ceiling. Grant of permits is regulated by an Act and permits will be issued according to the provisions of that Act.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : How are the profits that accrue through nationalized transport utilized?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The profit goes into the general revenues. The hon. Member may have seen in the note which I have circulated to both the Houses that in the last five years the nationalized transport has given to the general revenues of the State Rs. 1,13,00,000.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : What are the difficulties that stand in the way of the Government in putting a ceiling on the number of buses to be owned, when this Government believe in a socialistic pattern of society?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Because, Sir, Government do not think it necessary.